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## PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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18 applicable under this subsection and s. 341.145.

19           **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

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21 department of transportation on the effective date of this subsection.

22           (END)

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**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
**FROM THE**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

LRB-0442/P1dn

ARG:.....

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ATTN: John Wagnitz

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**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
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LRB-0442/P1dn  
ARG:jld:nwn

October 19, 2006

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## Gary, Aaron

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**From:** Wagnitz, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 15, 2006 10:37 AM  
**To:** Gary, Aaron  
**Subject:** RE: 341.14

Aaron,  
That would be great, thanks!

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**From:** Gary, Aaron  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 15, 2006 10:06 AM  
**To:** Wagnitz, John  
**Subject:** RE: 341.14

Hi John,  
Do you want me to redraft LRB-0442 to incorporate Carson's comments? Aaron

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**From:** Wagnitz, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 15, 2006 9:03 AM  
**To:** Frazier, Carson  
**Cc:** Gary, Aaron  
**Subject:** RE: 341.14

Thanks Carson,

I will pass this on to our drafter.

John Wagnitz  
Office of State Senator Dave Hansen  
319 South, State Capitol  
phone: (608) 266-5670

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**From:** Frazier, Carson  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2006 11:52 AM  
**To:** Wagnitz, John  
**Cc:** Bernander, Paul; Paradowski, Reginald  
**Subject:** RE: 341.14

John, I apologize for taking so long to reply; we finally got a meeting together here.

As you know, your constituent's wife may keep the personalized message WOLFF, but she can't keep the firefighter plate, absent a statutory change.

If you do introduce legislation, DOT prefers and recommends that you limit it to surviving spouse of a firefighter who dies in the line of duty. This is because the firefighter plate is only available to a person who currently is a firefighter -- indeed when the person no longer is a firefighter the person

has to give up the plate. Even a retired firefighter cannot have a firefighter plate. The eligibility is strictly for current firefighters. While an argument could be made that a spouse participates in the firefighter's role and has joint ownership of the vehicle and its registration, it is hard to argue that family members participate in the firefighter's role and have joint ownership of the vehicle and its registration. Even for military group plates, only a surviving spouse can keep the military group plate, not children or other family members (S.341.14(8)).

Also, DOT recommends that you create a new paragraph allowing this, rather than adding a sentence to current 341.14((6r)(g)). The current paragraph includes not only firefighter plates but other group plates as well, and inserting a provision relating only to firefighters could be confusing.

Thanks very much for asking.

*Carson P. Frazier  
Program Officer, Legislative Liaison  
Division of Motor Vehicles  
Phone: 608-266-7857*



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ARG:jld:nwn

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~~PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION~~

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**Duerst, Christina**

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**From:** Wagnitz, John  
**Sent:** Friday, December 01, 2006 3:16 PM  
**To:** LRB.Legal  
**Subject:** Draft Review: LRB 07-0442/1 Topic: Retaining special registration plates of firefighters who die in the line of duty

Please Jacket LRB 07-0442/1 for the SENATE.

**Gary, Aaron**

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**From:** Gary, Aaron  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 11:54 AM  
**To:** Wagnitz, John  
**Subject:** RE: Co-sponsorship/Sen. Hansen/ LRB 0442/1, relating to Distinguishing plates for spouses of fallen firefighters/Deadline January 24

John,

As far as I can tell, LRB-0442 is not yet introduced, so I can't draft a sub. So can I just draft a new bill like the Musser bill? Thanks. Aaron

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**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 11:45 AM  
**To:** Gary, Aaron  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 09, 2007 3:12 PM  
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**To:** Legislative Colleagues

**From:** Senator Dave Hansen

**Date:** January 9, 2007

**Re:** Distinguishing plates for spouses of fallen firefighters

Last year, Green Bay lost Lt. Arnie Wolff, a 17 year veteran of the Green Bay Fire Department who was killed in the line of

duty while battling a house fire. Lt. Wolff left behind a wife and three children.

Unfortunately, Lt. Wolff's spouse is unable to keep the personalized firefighter license plate because of her husband's death.

I am introducing legislation that would extend eligibility for this type of license plate to spouses of firefighters who die in the line of duty. If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please respond to this email or contact John in my office at 266-5671 by Wednesday, January 24, 2007.

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## 2007 BILL

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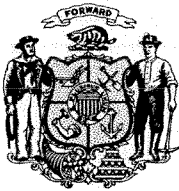
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2007 BILL

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# BILL

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(END)

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ARG:.....

**INSERT ANAL:**

(no P) The bill also makes these same special plate retention and modification provisions applicable under current law to special plates for groups that are military in nature mandatory upon DOT, rather than permissive.

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